

SENATE BILL 4060

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 50, relative to driver licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102(20), is amended by
adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

(H) Class V. This license is issued and valid for the operation of any vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (G.V.W.R.) less than twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.), or any combination of vehicles with a Gross Combination Weight Rating (G.C.W.R.) less than twenty-six thousand and one pounds (26,001 lbs.), except vehicles in Classes A, B, C or M or vehicles which require a special endorsement unless the proper endorsement appears on the license, and shall include enclosed motorcycles that weigh less than one thousand five hundred pounds (1,500 lbs.). This class of licenses shall be known as a veteran's license and shall only be issued to:

(i) An individual who is a resident of Tennessee at the time of enlistment or commissioning and is a resident at the time of application for the license, or who has been a resident of Tennessee for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date of application for the license, who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or on active duty in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard, during wartime or any conflict when personnel were committed by the president of the United States, whether or not such veteran was assigned to a unit or division which directly participated in such war or conflict, except for periodic transfer from reserve status to active duty status for training purposes, and who was discharged or separated under honorable conditions; or

(ii) A member or former member of the National Guard or reserve forces who has twenty (20) or more years creditable service therein;

(I) Class HON. This license is issued and valid for the operation of any vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (G.V.W.R.) less than twenty-six thousand and one pounds (26,001 lbs.), or any combination of vehicles with a Gross Combination Weight Rating (G.C.W.R.) less than twenty-six thousand and one pounds (26,001 lbs.), except vehicles in Classes A, B, C or M or vehicles which require a special endorsement unless the proper endorsement appears on the license, and shall include enclosed motorcycles that weigh less than one thousand five hundred pounds (1,500 lbs.). This class of licenses shall be known as an honorary license and shall only be issued to:

(i) A resident of Tennessee who is the surviving spouse of a veteran meeting the requirements of subdivision (H)(i). Any license to such spouse shall be valid only as long as that person remains unmarried; or

(ii) A resident of Tennessee who is the spouse of a veteran who would be qualified to receive a veteran's license but who is disabled to the extent that such veteran cannot operate a motor vehicle;

(J) Class DIST. This license is issued and valid for the operation of any vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (G.V.W.R.) less than twenty-six thousand and one pounds (26,001 lbs.), or any combination of vehicles with a Gross Combination Weight Rating (G.C.W.R.) less than twenty-six thousand and one pounds (26,001 lbs.), except vehicles in Classes A, B, C or M or vehicles which require a special endorsement unless the proper endorsement appears on the license, and shall include enclosed motorcycles that weigh less than one thousand five hundred pounds (1,500 lbs.). This class of licenses shall be known as a distinctive license and shall only be issued to a member of the Tennessee National Guard in good standing who has completed at least one (1)

year of satisfactory service. The department shall have the authority to cancel the distinctive license of any person upon receipt of written notice from the adjutant general who shall notify the department that the person is not longer a member of the Tennessee National Guard in good standing;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (6) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(6) For Class V and renewal thereof, no fee or charge of any type whatsoever shall be charged, subject to the provisions of subdivision (9);

(7) For Class HON and renewal thereof, no fee or charge of any type whatsoever shall be charged, subject to the provisions of subdivision (9);

(8) For Class DIST and renewal thereof, no fee or charge of any type whatsoever shall be charged, subject to the provisions of subdivision (9); and

(9) In addition to the above fees, any person applying for a special endorsement or renewal thereof shall pay an additional two dollars (\$2.00) for each endorsement.

SECTION 3. The commissioner of safety is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.